

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was going to withdraw those but there were a number of lights on that wanted to speak to the bill so I think I will leave that motion before you. It does limit LB 77 to a city of the metropolitan class. Senator Swigart mentioned in his discussion that it was a technicality in the law. Senator Murphy mentioned about three facilities. The other day Senator Kremer said that he was in favor of it because he could see it would do no problem of anywhere but the discussion here this morning has been about one bank and it has been about a problem that was created, whether that problem was right or wrong. If the problem is there and this Legislature through the bill that Senator Schmit has endorsed and has brought before you is trying to address that problem. But the problem as those proponents have described it to me makes it feel that the problem is only in Omaha. The problem is there. It is an Omaha National Bank bill. It was described by that in the opening remarks of the committee statement when the Chairman of the committee said, well, it is a well known Omaha National bill and I am sure that you who voted for keeping the bill alive feel that way also. In fact, a quote in the paper, it says that Senator Schmit said the bill is designed solely to bring Omaha National Bank into compliance with the law that allows two detached, one attached office. So I think that with those comments you can see and all know where it is. Let's keep the bill to an Omaha situation and I ask you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I oppose the amendment proposed by Senator Mills. There was some discussion here this morning about monopoly by Senator Murphy. Certainly you are going to do that if you adopt the amendment by Senator Mills. You are going to lock the cities of the metropolitan class into one section and you are going to outlaw every one else in the rural areas. We don't want to do that. There was some discussion about monopoly and we will talk about monopoly, let's just discuss it a little further. Senator Murphy did some excellent research and he knows that I oppose monopoly and I oppose it not only on this floor but I oppose it with money and I oppose it with effort inside and outside this Chamber. If Senator Murphy neglected to mention to you that I also oppose the monopoly that was created by LB 269 which he introduced and supported and got into passage on this floor against my objections and which I had introduced LB 400 which would have kept them in the clear. And now the Justice Department is twisting the tail of the bankers in Nebraska and saying, no, no, you are being naughty boys, you can't do that. Now I suggest that Senator Murphy's research is excellent but he neglected, he overlooked that little section in which 269 today have all of the Nebraska banks, big and small, in a vise and the Justice Department is slowly turning down the screw and they don't know whether to go ahead and operate that million or two million dollars worth of hardware or not. I am not a lawyer so I can't charge for my advice but I would advise them not to do so because I think that when you fly in the face of the Department of Justice you are asking for more trouble. I would hope that we would not adopt Senator Mills amendment